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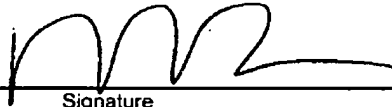
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 7, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. In particular, it is believed that multiple groups can be searched and examined together without undue burden. Indeed, all claims were considered in the International Search Report of the parent International application. Additionally, considerable time and expense will be saved if all claims can be considered at this time, rather than pursuing multiple divisional applications.

To provide a complete response, Applicants elect Group I, claim 24, as that Group is defined in the Office Action.

With regards to a species, Applicants elect the following a compound of the formula on page 42 of the application where $m=0$; R^1 =methyl; R^6 =isopropyl; R^9 =isopropyl; R^{17} =methyl; R^{20} =methyl; and $R^{19}=(CH_2)_2C_6H_5$.

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Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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